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March 27, 1989

Mr. Ernest C. Baynard, III
 Assistant Secretary
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 Department of Energy
 1000 Independence Ave., S.W.
 Washington, DC 20585

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Dear Mr. Baynard:

I am writing to ask for your help with a potential public health problem caused by the federal government.

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Rocky Flats Plant is an aging, deteriorating facility. There is not enough emphasis on safety at the plant. Equipment failures and human errors happen with disturbing regularity. The recent release of chromium into the Walnut Creek holding ponds is one more instance where human error and plant deficiencies have combined to alarm the public. The City of Broomfield currently spends 2,000 man hours/year and significant sums on Rocky Flats monitoring.

The current situation is untenable. Many Broomfield residents lack confidence in the public drinking water. Our City Council has grave concerns about the potential for irreversible damage. The City does not object to the operation of the Rocky Flats Plant, but it must operate safely and it must not contaminate the drinking water.

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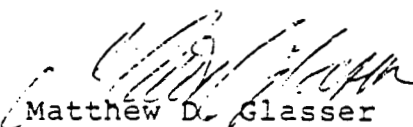
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4. In the alternative, a new reservoir in a safer location.

Please understand that we cannot afford to wait until someone dies, or until the reservoir is irreversibly damaged. In the long run, we will all be held responsible if available solutions are not implemented.

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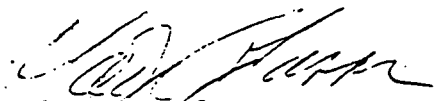
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